

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

There is provided a disk drive apparatus that can improve aesthetic sense of the appearance of a drive apparatus and facilitate the installation and the detachment of an outer casing. A decorative panel is detachable so as to cover approximately the entire surface of an upper face of a drive body that is approximately parallel to a recording surface of a floppy disk. By preparing a variety of decorative panels having, for example, different patterns, colors or shapes, it is capable of providing a disk drive to user's taste. The installation and the detachment are easy to carry out because an engaging piece is disposed on a front face of the drive body and an engaging groove is disposed at a shorter-side member of the decorative panel.